**Mardi Gras Masks**

**Grade 3**

1. Ask students if they know what Mardi Gras is and where most people celebrate it.
2. Explain what Mardi Gras is and that it is celebrated on March 8th this year.

The terms "**Mardi Gras**" refer to events of the Carnival celebrations, beginning on or after Epiphany and ending on the day before Ash Wednesday. Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday", referring to the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the fasting of the Lenten season, which started on Ash Wednesday. Related popular practices were associated with celebrations before the fasting and religious obligations associated with Lent. Popular practices included wearing masks and costumes, dancing, parades, etc.

1. Create the masks.
2. Each student will receive 1 mask only.
3. Students need board paper to make the “wings/horns” of the mask.
4. Students can pick out 8”of ribbon for the eye rings.
5. Students receive 50 feathers of various colors.
6. Each student will need to be in groups for the glue guns and glue sticks.



1. Cut and glue on the “wings /horns” first
2. Then, cut and glue on the feathers.
3. Finally, glue on the eye ribbon.

